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THE MISSING LINK

The purpose of Christ's coming was "to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 18:10) That purpose has never been changed and it is to constitute the Christian's chief business until the end of the age.

It appears, humanly speaking, that the Divine purpose has failed because the great majority of Christians have never won one soul to Christ. God has put a lifebelt in the hands of every saved person, with instructions to throw it so anyone that needs it, but, unfortunately, most Christians are too otherwise occupied to care.

Here are some things our Lord and Master asks for.

VISION

"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:35) Our Saviour affirmed "the harvest truly is great." (Luke 10:2) We are surrounded by scores of souls ripe for gathering.

A field of golden corn, swaying in the breeze, is a fascinating sight. It is waiting for just one thing - someone must go in with a sickle and reap the sheaves. No standing corn has ever yet garnered itself. Most Christian reapers are either asleep or, else, imagine the sheaves will reap themselves and get into the barn.

If Christians do not lift up their eyes (away from their own immediate concerns) they will never see the need for, or the potential of reaping. Jesus indicates there is a great harvest of souls to be gathered *now*. There is a time for reaping: miss it

and you miss the yield. And, what happens to the ripened corn?

COMPASSION

When you look over society in the mass, what do you see? Hard, joyless, smiling faces? money makers? pleasure seekers? narcotics users? Modern society is painted in those colors.

Yet, as Christ "looked at the vast crowds he was deeply moved with pity for them, for they were as bewildered and miserable as a flock of sheep with no shepherd." (Matt. 9:38 Phillip's.) He saw something different and called it a **HARVEST**.

He did not miss the hard faces but He understood the face mirrors the heart. The disdainful look or the saccharine smile are just a cover-up for a confused or unsatisfied soul.

The drive to accumulate money was to Him evidence of a relentless search for security. The clutching after pleasure was a sure sign that life was boring or monotonous. Narcotics users were trying to escape the harsh realities of life.

Why did Christ see people in a way we, so often, do not? Because He was *moved with compassion* on them. Compassion is a great deal more than pity, yet it is questionable whether most Christians even pity the lost.

In our mobile society, wrecks along the highway mean so little as we rush by in our automobiles. The maiming, wounding, destroying affect us so little unless or until we make a horrible discovery that a beloved son or daughter or a darling parent is among those involved.

Then, compassion surges up.

SHORTAGE

"Laborers are few."

Seriously, what do we expect the needy members of our sick society to do? Can we imagine them flocking to church because of their condition? This is the **LAST THING** most of them want to do.

Laborers, reapers, Christians, moved with compassion are to go out to them. This is the last thing many of *them* want to do: though there is no distance to go. The sheaves are waiting for you, Christian reaper, in the house next to yours; on the street one block away: at the adjoining desk or bench where you work. Fare and equipment will cost you nothing. Language difficulties are at a minimum.

"But the laborers are few," declared Jesus, putting His finger on the missing link. He spoke from recent, tragic experience - see Luke 9: 57-62.

"A certain man said unto Him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head." (vv57-58) Admirers are no use to Christ. He wants workers - reapers.

"And He said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God." (vv 59-60) Christ calls you **TODAY**. Tomorrow is too late.

"And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell which are at home at my house. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." (vv 61-62) Not a part of you some of the

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RECORD ENROLLMENT AT BETHANY COLLEGE

Fall semester registration statistics are now complete at Bethany Bible College, and the final count indicated a total of 455 students. This represents a 12.3% increase over last year, and sets a new semester record at the college.

This student body is made up of 180 single men, 178 single women, and ninety-seven married students. Twenty-eight of this number have come from fourteen foreign countries, including: Canada, five; Australia and South Africa, three each; Germany, Greece, Holland, India and Switzerland, two each; and Japan, Korea, Peru, Taiwan and the Philippines, and Nigeria, one each. The remaining students come from twenty-six states, including Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming.

This is the forty-eighth consecutive year for Bethany Bible College.

Bethany Students Come From Far and Near



Shown above is Dave Boyd, sophomore at Bethany Bible College, chatting with foreign student Puthenveetil Thomas Mammen. Dave's father, Gerry Boyd, for a number of years was Business Manager at the college. Dave attended Sequel High School, graduating in 1965. Puthenveetil is a new transfer student from New Delhi, India, having attended Punjab University in India. There are 28 foreign students at Bethany this year.

Dear Lord I'm Thankful

*Dear Lord, I'm giving thanks today
For daily blessings on life's way;
For trees and birds, sunshine and
rain,*

*For clothes and food, relief from
pain.*

*For all these gifts I'm thankful
Lord.*

*Dear Lord, I'm giving thanks today
For kinfolk near, for friends who
pray,*

*For sharing thoughts, for laughter
gay.*

For living in the U.S.A.

*For all these gifts I'm thankful
Lord.*

*Dear Lord, I'm thankful more today
For Him who came to show the way
To us, lest we should go astray.*

*So now, on this Thanksgiving Day
For this great gift I'm thankful
Lord.*

OLIVE W. ALFORD

CHAPLAIN AT SOLEDAD GETS NATIONAL POST

SOLEDAD—Chaplain H. C. Warwick of the Correctional Training Facility has been named second vice-president of the American Association of Protestant Correctional Chaplains. Election was held in Baltimore recently in conjunction with the annual congress of the American Correctional Association.*



Chaplain H. C. Warwick

Chaplain Warwick has been in correctional work since he began as assistant chaplain at San Quentin in 1944. He has been the Protestant chaplain at Soledad since 1948.

Chaplain Warwick said that ordinarily the second vice-president advances to first vice-president the following year and to president in the third year. The organization will hold its 1967 convention in Miami, Fla., with San Francisco scheduled in 1968.

*(This office is in addition to Chaplain Warwick's present duties).

BBC STUDENTS CHOOSE LEADERS

Mr. Nic Anderson, a senior Christian education major, has been elected 1966-67 President of the Associated Students of Bethany. Anderson is a 1960 graduate of Stadium High, Tacoma, Washington; however, his home is presently in Thousand Palms, California.

Completing the slate of student body officers are Jim Billings, Myrtle Creek, Oregon, vice president - Jim is a junior with a missions major - and Miss Edith Abraham, secretary, a junior Christian education major from Brooklynn, Ohio.

The officers for the Missionary Society, a very important student group at Bethany, have also been elected. They are: president, Larry Grimes, a senior student majoring in Bible, from Salem, Oregon; vice president, Wes Redding, a junior student from Santa Cruz, majoring in Bible; and secretary, Miss Pat

Bard, a senior from New Plymouth, Idaho, also majoring in Bible.

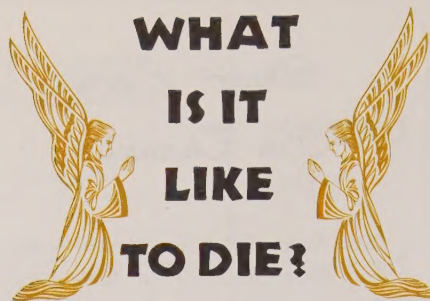
Upperclass presidents have also been selected. They are: senior, Roger Hillegas from Sunnyvale; junior, Gerry Shepard, San Pablo; and sophomore, Ernie Meyers, Lower Lake. Adriaan Van Aswegen from Jagersfontein, Orange Free State, South Africa was chosen by the 214 member freshman class as their first semester president.



NIC ANDERSON
Assoc. Student Prexy

LARRY GRIMES
Pres. Mission Society

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO DIE?



AN UNUSUAL ACCOUNT . . .

. . . BY LUTHER G. BAKER

I am certain that you have asked that question many times, even as I have. Don't feel overly inquisitive, for it is an age-old query and is recorded in the oldest book of the Bible; i.e., Job 14.14. "If a man die, shall he live again?" The Bible has much more to say on the subject, but since this is not a theological discussion, we will occupy ourselves with visions and revelations; or was it really a vision I had? God knows. What follows, then, is testimony of a wonderful experience I recently had.

This experience was, in part at least, similar to one that the Apostle Paul had, and of which he spoke in 2 Corinthians 12:2,3. "I know a man in Christ . . . whether in the body or out of the body, I do not know . . . I know that this man was caught up in Paradise, whether in the body or away from the body I do not know, God knows." The only similarity, however, of my experience and his, is the sharing of his puzzlement of whether or not I was in the body when I saw and heard the things I did.

January 3, 1966, I underwent major surgery, which in itself was successful, and after a routine nine days, was dismissed and returned home to convalesce. Sometime after coming home a most wonderful thing happened to me. This particular morning it was necessary for my wife to run into town. After making me as comfortable as possible she left me alone. I was at the time relatively free from any physical pain and was quietly lying on my bed meditating upon the Lord. I do not know how long I lay thus, but **SUDDENLY** I felt a sharp pain in my heart, and immediately everything went black. This darkness, however, did not bring any fear or even the slightest uncomfortable feeling.

Immediately, I had a sense of movement, swiftly yet very smoothly. Being thus moved along I saw a most beautiful light, indescribable as to its brightness, yet softness. It appeared somewhat like the sun; yet

without having any glare or discomfort to the eye. I could discern at its center a cube, which blended into a radiance which formed a most beautiful sphere. I instinctively understood this to be "The Holy City," "Paradise," or heaven.

You will note that Paul relating his experience, spoke of being "caught up" into Paradise, etc. "Up" in my instance, however, would have to be "up north," for this light was not "up" in position as the sun, i.e., perpendicular; but rather horizontal, and north as to direction.

Now I come to the most thrilling part of this experience. Although I could not see Him, I could feel His presence, and no one had to tell me who He was. I was experiencing what David wrote of in the twenty-third Psalm: "Yea, tho I walk through the deep sunless valley of the shadow of death, I will *fear* or *dread*, no evil; for You are with me."

Not only was His Presence with me, He was also talking with me; yes, with me, for I was talking with Him. Here my physical memory fails me, for I cannot recall what our conversation was about, nor what was said; but I sensed then, and recall now, what a thrill it was to be actually holding conversation with my Lord. Many times I have talked to the Lord in the heavenly language; tongues of "angels"; my understanding being unfruitful; now He was talking with me. It is thrilling, even now, as I reflect on this portion of my experience. During all this time I had knowledge of swift movement, ever toward that wonderful light.

At this point something occurred, that for the time at least, marred the whole experience. All of a sudden, I was aware of the phone ringing. To me at the time, this was something of a nightmare. I now remember the return to physical consciousness, which seemed quite hazy. This brought mixed emotions, and when I answered the telephone, if I sounded somewhat impatient with my dear brother in Christ, who said ever so cheerily, "Hello, how

are you," that would be putting it lightly. Upon hearing the phone ringing, my movement was halted, and the light disappeared and the voice of Jesus ceased and I did not hear it again.

During all this time the darkness continued. Even when I answered the telephone, I had to grope for the receiver, which was on a bedtable at my side. Upon hearing my brother's voice, I said, "I'm too far gone to talk." He replied, "O.K." and hung up. Immediately after this episode I was conscious of movement but this time in reverse. I saw the light but this time it was receding, and soon faded completely.

Upon my return to earth-consciousness, I lay as one in a daze and very weak. At this juncture my wife returned and I said to her, "I'm glad you are back. I have had a wonderful experience," but I did not tell her the details. She told me later that my hands and face were as white as the newly laundered sheets. She came hurriedly to my bedside and picked up my limp hand and tried to find my pulse but it was so weak that she could not detect it. She then began to flay my arms and legs and as long as she did this the color would come to the right side of my face, the left remaining white. It was at this time that I noticed the left side of my face being drawn, especially my mouth and eye. I called my wife's attention to this, but she had already noticed. She then called Rev. Gene Forrest, our pastor, and it seemed in no time he was there at my bedside. He began to pray and after some time, I felt life coming back into my body.

I have purposely left a part of my testimony until now, and I tell it to you in conclusion. This I want to especially emphasize; there was not the slightest trace of change in structure or functioning of my mind during the whole of this experience. Immediately after the pain in my heart, and the ensuing darkness that enveloped me I said, "I am dying,"

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RUN TO WIN!

By BERENT N. KNUTSEN



The Holy Spirit wants us to believe we can "run to win," as it says in I Corinthians 9:24 NEB. Our Lord desires to impress upon every Christian today this fact: we can and must win in every challenge God sets before us. The Holy Spirit would guide us to the way of winners. We have tried shortcuts to victory which turned out to be dead-end streets, but the same course which brought victory to our church in the past will bring victory today: faith in and development of successful Sunday Schools.

I. THE CALL. There is a call to action. It comes from many fronts, and it is always the same—"Save us, we perish." In our times:

Christ is calling

Our communities are calling

Our children are calling

World Missions is calling.

These pressing demands require action. We may pray earnestly for answers—in the case of these needs we pray for new ideas or for crash programs. But this is one of those occasions where we already have the answer. There is a voice behind us, perhaps not so loud but ever so clear, saying "These needs can best be met through the Sunday School." This is a call from the Master.

II. THE COURSE. We are living in a new era: it is the age of statistics, the hour of the computer and the data processing machine. If the Master indicates that His call can be met through the Sunday School so do the statistics. Notice again the points of "The Call" we had mentioned.

Christ is Calling. "The night cometh when no man can work." He would encourage us to a greater outreach. The Sunday School is the most effective arm of the church for leading men and women to a saving knowledge of Christ. But even more important is the *keeping* power of the Sunday School. From usual evangelistic outreach, 13 per cent remain after

five years, but the Sunday School keeps 60 per cent of its converts. What about the 87 per cent lost from evangelism? The answer is obvious: get them into the Sunday School.

The community is calling. All about us we hear of children who are the despair of their parents, or marriages that are about to be broken by divorce, or nerves shattered and barely kept together by barbituates. (America consumed 8,000 tons of tranquilizers last year.) Our community really needs help. It is said that we need more psychiatrists, but the answer really lies in Christ working through the Sunday School. Dr. Paul Mead, head of the psychology department of the University of Minnesota, was a recent convert to Christianity. He is rigorously teaching that more can be done through dynamic conversion than through psychotherapy. Yes, Christ is the answer.

Our children are calling. Advanced educational methods have awakened our youth, and they desire to know more about God and His word. They have their appetites whetted in public school experience, and they want more than plain vanilla! The answer is spirit-filled, prayed-up teachers, teaching the Pentecostal message in our Assemblies of God Sunday Schools. This is an old message, but it remains the most challenging for youth today.

World Missions is calling. The Great Commission still stands, "Go ye into all the world." 95 per cent of our missionaries come from the Sunday School. In this institution we train our future missionaries. God would have us teach our students what they later will teach the Africans, Japanese, and Latin Americans. The Lord himself will be calling at your Sunday School for those new missionaries. Will we have them trained?

III. THE CONQUEST. We have heard the call, we have seen the

course before us, now let us go on to the conquest. If we will be conquerors, we will have to fight. A recent letter from a missionary in Hong Kong notes that last year was the Chinese "Year of the Dragon." Yet 1965 is the "Year of the Snake." This may be only coincidence, but this is the year that the devil is letting it be known that he is geared for battle, and that he is claiming this year for himself. But he is no match for the King of Kings. Our Captain is claiming 1965, too! He has a course of battle: renewed effort in the Sunday School. We must, therefore, "run to win."

Will this course work for you? The best proof of these ideas are the men and women who have come to Christ through the Sunday School and who stand strong today. There are many who had no help from Christian parents. They were the product of a neighbor or friend who believed in Sunday School and who stopped by, week after week, to bring them. Some of you can say, "I would never have known Christ were it not for the Sunday School."

I remember Bob Reid, now a coach and teacher at Southern California College. Five years ago he was a business man, playing in a dance band—a gay blade at night-long parties. But he needed Christ. We approached this family through the Sunday School. The children began to come quite regularly, and then they worked on their parents. The Reids were saved on their first Sunday in church and from that day on they were faithful Sunday School members, growing in grace and knowledge.

Whenever I become discouraged with the task of bringing little ones to Sunday School, I remember Bob Reid, now an active district Royal Ranger commander. How many more Bob Reids are there that God is waiting to save. For their sakes, we must "run to win." We have heard the call, the course is before us, now let us go on to conquest.



HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONS

RUBEN A. WILSON
Director of
Home and Foreign Missions



Lula Baird — San Francisco . . .

Lulu Baird continues her ministry among the Chinese in San Francisco, Oakland, Visalia and a new group in Modesto. She needs full support received before the death of her husband since the overhead expenses did not change. David Lim continues to minister especially to the English speaking young people. Special prayer is requested for a new and permanent place to worship within the next two months for this San Francisco group.

James (Bob) and Judy Berry—West Africa

James (Bob) and Judy Berry, Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa assisted in the dedication of a church on their arrival. The first Sunday 350 registered in attend-



James and Judy Berry, Sierra Leone, W. Africa. The Berrys are grateful for the Speed-the-Light vehicle provided by the C.A.s of this District. The Bible School opened this fall to train workers for the capital city.

Don and Virginia Corbin — Senegal . . .

A recent request for prayer was answered when word was received that the John Halls were coming to take over the Bible Institute there. Opposition during their Sunday morning service took the form of disturbing noise next door to the Evangelistic Center but at last writing had ceased. Several young people have been recently saved and others are preparing for baptism. Two missionary families furloughed and the increased load has been heavy for the Corbins.

Leland and Shirley Good — Bolivia . . .

Leland and Shirley Good just

visited the Bible School in General Pando where he and Shirley, who directs the Sunday School department in Bolivia, presented programs. Little Dorcas is in boarding school near Cochabamba. Prayer is requested for their weekly radio broadcast, "Sendas de Luz" (Paths of Light) which reaches most of Bolivia and some areas of nearby countries.

Glen and Ruth McCollister — Hawaii . . .

Glen and Ruth McCollister attended three conventions in August. The Mid-Pacific Convention found missionaries and workers from the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Fiji, Guam, Japan and Korea. The Annual District Council followed and their status was changed from Foreign to Home Missions. However, support must continue and credit will be given under Home Missions. The C.A. and Japanese Language Convention followed. Assistant General Superintendent Howard Bush was the guest speaker.

Fredolf and Ardelle Sondeno — Okinawa

Fredolf and Ardelle Sondeno write from Okinawa that after two weeks of house hunting they found one satisfactory. The October issue of *Glad Tidings* showed them accepting candy from the District Office. It was shared with other missionaries in Tokyo. Fredolf writes—"Our itinerary this furlough was the best we have ever had . . . All the funds for our outfit and shipping came in. And a special thanks for the plane tickets . . . Thanks for RFFM."

Lloyd Perera — Ceylon . . .

Lloyd Perera rejoices in the way God has been blessing his ministry in the Colombo Gospel Tabernacle. Sunday School attendance has been increasing and he recently baptised twelve in water, the highest number to be baptised in the history of the church. Brother Perera desires your prayer and support for the work in Ceylon.

James and Beryl Stewart — South Africa

James and Beryl Stewart will be furloughing in the not distant future. Mel Grams is assisting in the African Bible Training Institute. Testimonies from students returning to school this fall include one

from Vendaland. "We prayed for a crippled child held in her mother's arms. She walked. I saw it with my own eyes." One from Johannesburg, "C.A. service in crowded townships . . . God began to move . . . building was filled with teenagers, the power fell. Young people were speaking in tongues . . . people came rushing in from houses and others stared through windows . . ."

Mervin Wright — Malawi . . .

Mervin Wright (son of Paul and Miriam Wright, Dedza, Malawi) arrived safely from overseas. He spent a week with his brother, Oren, who is attending Evangel College. Now Mervin is settled at Monta Vista Christian School in his final year of high school. Week-ends he is with his grandfather, John Kennedy, in Santa Cruz.

Calvin and Olive Zeissler — Philippines . . .

Recently Cal was invited by the Foreign Missions Department to lecture at two Far East Conferences held in Manila and Tokyo. He was impressed with the unity of mind and purpose manifest there. Outstanding national pastors heard during the sessions witnessed to the excellent training and teaching of missionaries who contributed to their leadership. The task the Zeisslers have in preparing workers for the printing and distribution in the project, Literature Evangelism, calls for special prayer.

Former Mission Workers Take Over in Oakland

Rev. and Mrs. Otho Collins of 965 Bethany Drive, Santa Cruz, have answered a call to serve as directors of the Oakland Rescue Mission (Assembly of God) at 8th and Clay streets in Oakland.

For fourteen years Rev. and Mrs. Collins worked together with Caleb and Laurette Anderson at the old Calvary Mission on Howard Street in San Francisco. The city has removed those buildings, however, the Lord never removed the burden on the hearts of these faithful servants of Christ for the lost men on our streets.

All interested in assisting in services or in contributing in any way to its support may write Rev. Otho Collins, 547 8th Street, Oakland, Calif. 94607. A Thrift Store is operated next to the mission which aids in carrying the financial load. All who may wish to donate men's suits, ladies' dresses or other saleable articles of clothing may contact them or if in the Santa Cruz area, call or write Pastor A. J. Morrison, 280 Bethany Drive, Santa Cruz, California 95060.

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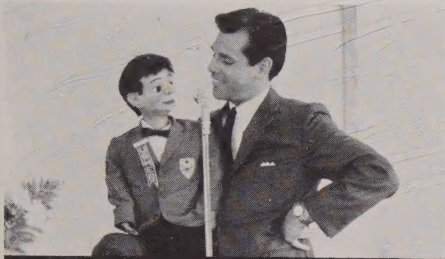
Our Assemblies have been very busy with special activities . . . we regret that space prevents our giving full reports which have come in for publication . . . Ed.

HIGHWAY CITY . . .

Highway City Assembly reports a fine Children's Crusade conducted by Hazel Youngman and Mildred Howard . . . Pastor E. M. McKim CHOWCHILLA . . .

First Assembly had a Kids Crusade with Mrs. Gladys Swanson and Mrs. Agnes Hoskins in Charge.

. . . Pastor Floyd Baker HOLLISTER . . .



Phil Young and Friend
Crusade Contest Winners

Hollister Assembly enjoyed an outstanding Children's Crusade with Rev. and Mrs. Phil Young of Concord . . . Pastor DeWayne Gorrell MACDOEL ASSEMBLY . . .

also reports a Kids Crusade with Evangelist Bob Bridges.

. . . Pastor Darold Peters

PLYMOUTH . . .

The Boardman Sisters conducted a VBS and Kids Crusade with good attendance.

. . . Pastor Charles D. Albright

KLAMATH . . .

was blessed by a youth team from Calvary Assembly of Salinas under the direction of the Pastor Ray C. Oliver. House to house visitation was done during the day and special revival meetings conducted in the evening. Within the six days, Pastor and Mrs. Oliver and the young people reached 382 homes, led 21 souls to the Lord and witnessed one filled with the Holy Spirit. The young people also constructed 120 feet of redwood fencing, donated by a local lumber company to the church.

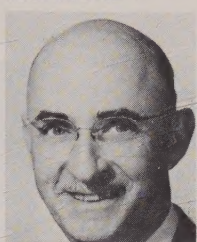
. . . Pastor David English



PEOPLE AND PLACES

news about
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RICHMOND . . .



Reverend and Mrs. R. J. Thurmond are serving as interim pastors for Full Gospel Temple. The blessing of the Lord has been upon the services.

SOUTH SHORE CHAPEL . . .

at Tahoe Valley reports another month full of activities with Children's Crusade conducted by the Kaupangers, a special canvass conducted by a Youth Team from Fresno, special music from the Kingsmen Quartet of San Jose, and an evening of music by the Noblemen. On September 23rd Pastor and Mrs. Gerald Boyd were honored by friends of First Church in Oakland on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. They were presented many lovely gifts including a beautiful silver tea service and a money tree. The Reverend Duane Woods supplied the pulpit for Pastor Boyd on September 25th.

MARYSVILLE . . .

Bethel Temple reports a "Come Alive" Crusade with Nicky Cruz and the "Disciples 3" . . . Two daily radio programs on KZIN are broadcast—"Coffee with the Parson" at 6:35 a.m. and "Invitation to Live" at 6:00 p.m. Chaplain Richard Hatrman, just returned from Vietnam, was pulpit guest on "Global Conquest Sunday." Other special speakers have included Missionaries Earl Kramar and Dale Lee; Mel Boring of Campus Ministeries and Warren Grant, Associate Pastor of Bethel Temple, Sacramento. Rev. Dave Peters and B.B.C. "Bethanaires" and the "Noblemen" have provided an excellent musical program . . . Kathy Watkins, church pianist, recently won in the vocal division of the National Teen-Talent Search at the Youth Conference in Springfield, Mo.

. . . Pastor Robert D. Goree

WATSONVILLE . . .

Pajaro Assembly recently concluded a Musical Crusade with Reverend and Mrs. Tommy Beard . . . The uniqueness of the Beard's ministry was apparent when their

four year old son, Tommy, presented special numbers in song in the evening services . . . Pastor Ed Klinsky CORNING . . .

reports good meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Tom Ming Sr. during which souls were saved and some reclaimed . . . Pastor Jim Logan OAKLAND . . .

Calvary Temple announces their Annual Missionary Convention to be held NOVEMBER 13 through 20, except Saturday and Monday. Guest speaker will be Missionary Evangelist Watson Argue, who has just completed a nine-month world tour. A major portion of this time was spent in Light-for-the-Lost Crusades held throughout Nigeria.

LAFAYETTE . . .

Lafayette Assembly enjoyed the ministry of Reverend Marvin E. Barbee and a group of C.A.s for one week of ministry spent in daily house-to-house visitation and even-



ing revival services. In the afternoons, the young people (all from the Alisal Assembly of Salinas), gave themselves to physical labor in beautifying the church and its premises. Approximately 1000 homes were contacted during this special survey and several people were led to Christ in their own homes.

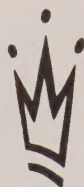
. . . Pastor E. Joseph Perna

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BERENT N. KNUTSEN
Director



KNUTSEN MEETS WITH CAMPING COMMISSION

The Camping Commission met last year to study in depth our Boys and Girls Bible Camps program. The Commission was involved in the camping program during the summer and will be making suggestions for next year's schedule. They would appreciate your suggestions. Send them to

CAMPING COMMISSION
P.O. Box 961, Santa Cruz

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

or SUMMER CAMPS PAY OFF

In our Boys and Girls Bible Camps this past summer 123 were saved and 102 filled with the Holy Spirit. Not as easily calculated as a statistic but so very important was the impact of a week of solid Bible instruction. Also there was a lasting influence on the children from rubbing shoulders with boys and girls of their own age and of like precious faith, and from the fine words of counsel our 117 workers were able to sow in their hearts.

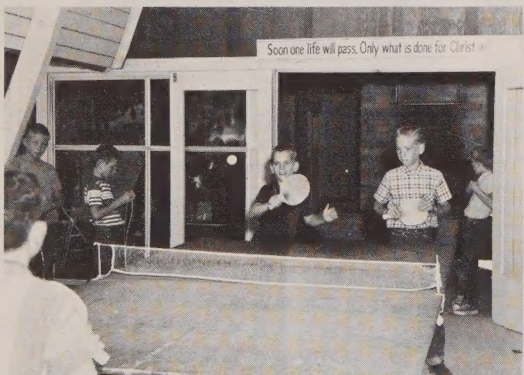


Summer camps really pay off! They provide a balance of Bible education, inspiration, personal counsel and recreation, and above all an unparalleled opportunity for encounter with God.

One of the best recommendations for our camps is the number of counselors who after the exhausting pace of a week with 8-10 boys or girls in camp voluntarily left word that they are available for service next year. Our counselors feel that a week at camp is an investment for God.

One phrase seems to best sum up the feelings and desires of our boys and girls as they pack up and climb into their cars for the journey home. Almost always they repeat this one phrase . . .

"See you next year!"



YMM Crusade at Salinas For Christmas Vacation

The next Youth Missions Mobilized witnessing crusade is slated for December 26-30 in the city of Salinas. Preparations for a major evangelistic thrust are now being made by the local Assemblies of God churches.

Youth volunteers are being recruited from throughout the district. To qualify, a C.A. must be at least a sophomore in high school, be approved by a recommendation process, provide his own transportation to Salinas, and have a sincere burden for souls. Interested youth are invited to write the District C.A.



CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

STEPHEN ASMUTH
President



Department, P.O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, Calif. for an application.

The united meetings each night will feature internationally-known evangelist, Bob Harrison. The local churches will provide food and accommodations for all personnel.

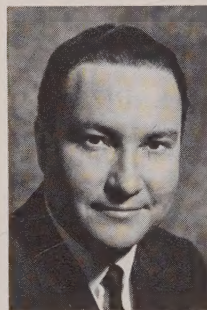
Pray with us for a marvelous move of God's Spirit, both on the door-to-door evangelism and on the nightly evangelistic rallies.

EVANGELIST BUENO ON DISTRICT STL TOUR

Missionary Evangelist Elmer Bueno has been selected by the District C.A. Executive Board to be featured speaker in sectional Speed-the-Light rallies this month.

Recently Elmer and Lee Bueno received missionary appointment to spend a full term of service evangelizing in many Latin American countries. Until March of this year the Buenos had been associate pastors at Bethel Temple in Hayward.

District C.A. President Steve Asmuth will travel with the mission-



Elmer Bueno

ary speaker to the Speed-the-Light rallies throughout the district. Slides of recent Youth Missions Mobilized crusades, interviews of youth missionaries, special music and attendance awards will highlight each rally, along with a pungent challenge by the speaker.

Speed-the-Light is the youth program which provides vehicles, printing and radio equipment for our missionaries. Local C.A. groups will be bringing their paid-up 1966 cash pledges to the rally, and will be stating their intended goal for 1967 giving. District goal for 1966 is a challenging \$45,000.00.

Elmer Bueno has for the past 4½ years been Vice President of the District Christ's Ambassadors Department. The majority of this time he has chaired the Youth Missions Mobilized committee, and is largely responsible for the involvement of youth in this new district youth program.

The last two summers he has directed the overseas phase of the Y.M.M. program, this year leading a group of 26 in witnessing efforts in Columbia and Ecuador, South America. Thrilling reports of conversions, new churches springing up, and lasting ministry will be brought to the fast-moving rallies.

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WOMENS MISSIONARY COUNCIL

GOLDIA ANDERSON
President



Revivaltime World Prayer Meeting Scheduled

"THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S" (1 Samuel 17:47), is the theme for this year's Revivaltime World Prayermeeting, Sunday, November 20. Sponsored jointly by the Women's Missionary Council, Men's Fellowship and Radio Departments, the annual prayer effort is the world's largest organized prayer meeting.

During the past five years, more than 200,000 personal prayer requests have been received from Revivaltime listeners. Thousands of these individuals have written expressing gratitude that their prayer requests have been answered—often in a miraculous fashion.

As in previous years, the success of the World Prayermeeting lies with the willingness of local churches to organize prayer groups. Hundreds of groups are necessary if each request is to receive personal intercessory prayer.

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The Battle is the LORD'S

1 SAMUEL 17:47



REVIVALTIME
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HARVEST FESTIVAL '66

Harvest Festival is a week set aside in the fall when the church can respond to a worthy cause—the practical care of those dependent on the Assemblies of God fellowship. Providing for the material needs of the aged, the widowed, and the neglected and orphaned is as James says, "pure religion."

Our three Benevolent Homes benefit from Harvest Festival. Highlands Children's Home expects to house 30 boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12. Hillcrest Children's Home has a population of 100 boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 18. Bethany Retirement Home is provided for approximately 60 ministers, missionaries, and their wives or widows of the Assemblies of God fellowship past the age of 65.

The entire Assemblies of God constituency can respond in some way. The needs are varied and abundant. Food, supplies of every kind, personal articles, recreational equipment — whatever your own home needs — this is needed for the Harvest Festival.

Think for a moment how much it costs to keep your own family supplied with the "little things." Toothpaste, school supplies, kitchen utensils, stationery and stamps, toys and game equipment, and a hundred other miscellaneous items. Multiply what one person needs from pre-school years till retirement by 200 and the need of Harvest Festival becomes apparent.

Food is a major need of each individual and an important part of this year's Harvest Festival. Perhaps your church is too far removed geographically to send food or supplies. Your church can receive a special offering and thus share in the 1966 Harvest Festival.

Our responsibility does not end with being a good provider for our immediate family. Sharing what we have with those who have not is practical Christianity. And geographical distance does not determine the degree of responsibility.

Missionettes Group Is Organized in Malaysia

I have been asked by our Field Fellowship of Malaysia to be the Director of Missionettes for our field. I have organized one missionette group (senior) in Ipoh where Brother and Sister Vallance Baird were before returning to the States.

The pictures enclosed will show you the size of the group and also a picture of their first completed project. It is a lovely quilt - presented to a young national pastor - Jameson Yeo. He graduated from BIM just last December and is now a full-time pastor in the city of Kajang, about 17 miles from Kuala Lumpur, the capital.



Ruby McMurray and Missionettes

Jameson Yeo and Missionettes

Don and I were in Ipoh just last December for special meetings. During that time I had the privilege of officially installing the first officers. The lady on the extreme right is the pastor's wife, Mrs. Ronney Kon. The girl in the center is the president . . . Ruby McMurray

Harvest Festival is a national Assemblies of God project because Highlands, Hillcrest, and Bethany are national Assemblies of God homes. Each individual, as he reacts on the needs of our children's and retirement homes, can respond with a contribution to make the 1966 Harvest Festival a success.

**WITNESS-CRUSADE
FOR FREMONT-NEWARK**

"The witnessing crusade was one of the most wonderful experiences I have had in my life. It is really a joy to bring someone else to the Lord, knowing you had a part."

"It has drawn me closer to the Lord and also opened my eyes to the need of the world. I'm going to trust the Lord for the courage to witness at home."

"I've really found out that giving is more of a blessing than receiving. I would really like to have a ministry of personal evangelism."

"The crusade gave me courage to stand up for what I believe; and when people shut doors on me, I loved them more."

These were some of the statements written by teenage participants at the conclusion of the Youth Missions Mobilized witnessing crusade in Fremont-Newark, August 29 through September 2.

Approximately 50 young people participated in the week-long door-to-door witnessing campaign. C.A.'s from the sponsoring churches took an active part in the invasion. Nightly evangelistic services featured Evangelist Quentin Edwards in Fremont, First Assembly (Leroy Cloud, pastor), and Livermore's Pastor E. T. Quanabush in Newark Assembly (Andrew Rahner, pastor).

Follow-up work is now being done on the 109 reported decisions, and others among the 2,528 people contacted during the crusade.

**CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL
SEMINAR ON NOV. 18**

Pastors, Ministers of Education, teachers, parents and everyone interested in the development of Christian Schools are invited to attend The Christian Day School Seminar Friday, November 18, at Bethel Church, 1670 Moorpark Avenue in San Jose.

Reverend Paul Kienel, executive secretary of The California Association of Christian Schools, will lead four discussions on "Why Christian Schools?", "How to Start a Christian School," "The Administrator and His Staff," and "The Christian School Curriculum." The seminar will get underway at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. Christian Schools are one of the fastest growing educational movements in the country today.

**Rev. Ed Cole Ministers
At BBC Spiritual Emphasis
Week in Santa Cruz**

Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz has experienced one of its most rewarding Spiritual Emphasis Weeks. The Holy Spirit ministered to the needs of students, and during the week over twenty-five received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. In one night alone about thirteen were filled.

Rev. Ed Cole, Men's Fellowship Director for the Northern California and Nevada District of the Assemblies of God, was guest speaker. His messages were dynamic, yet practical, as he ministered each morning and evening. After a service of particular victory, Rev. Cole challenged the students, "Now we have an alternative . . . satisfaction with God's blessing, and mere gratitude to Him,

or continuing to explore further those avenues which God has for us.

"Even in the victory of the moment, we must discipline ourselves to go on with God to greater blessings and areas of usefulness."

One student testified, "I had to come 2,000 miles to receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit. I'm glad the Lord lead me to Bethany if just for this week."

The week will be long remembered by many students, because of the changes it produced in their lives.

Each fall semester, a week is set aside for special ministering and waiting on the Lord. During the Spring semester the College holds a week of missionary convention. This will be held February 14-17, and Rev. Charles Greenaway, Foreign Missions Secretary for Europe, Southern Asia, and the Middle East, will be the speaker.



Chaplain Richard D. Wood is shown receiving congratulations from Colonel Howard J. Bechtel, Commander of the Kelly AFB, after being sworn into the Regular Air Force on 12 August 1966. This is an excellent achievement for Chaplain Wood, and we all join in with our sincere congratulations. He is a member of this District and the son of Evangelist and Mrs. Claude O. Wood.



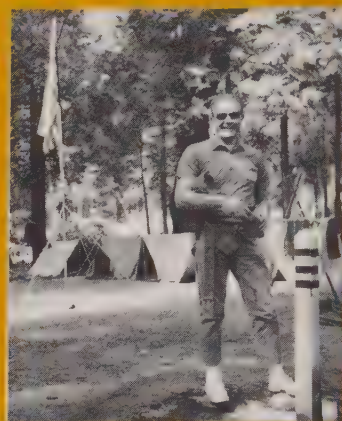
MENS FELLOWSHIP

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President



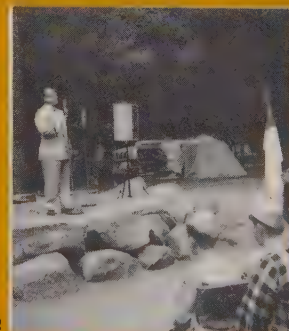
RECIPE FOR A CAMPOREE

- Take 1000 men and boys,
- mix them all in Yosemite National Park,
- add a dash of National Commander Barnes,
- pinch of National Adjutant Paul Feller,
- stir all this with Commanders Ron Halvorson, and Max Nungesser,
- pour in District Chaplains Joseph Gerhart and L. E. Halvorson,
- bake it all in an oven of prayer and praise, and out comes **Ninety Boys Saved at the Camporee**



camporee

1. "Ranger Police" on duty at entrance to Camp.
2. Commander Paul Feller and John Barnes.
3. The "suavest" camper — Pastor Doug Fairrington.
4. View of assembly in amphitheater.
5. Commander Paul Johnson and his "Magic with a Message."
6. Advice on how to "cook it" from Mrs. Gerhart to Pastor Joe Wright.
7. Left to right: Commanders Nungesser, Cole, Barnes, Feller, Halvorson. Foreground: Mrs. Gerhart and Nungesser.
8. Commanders Halvorson and Jimmfield with Capitol A/G Color Guard.
9. Commander Lou Williams and "Camporee" Coordinator Max Nungesser.
10. Commander Nungesser giving instructions to campers . . . It was largely through Brothers Nungesser's efforts that the "Camporee" was able to be held in Yosemite. Everyone appreciated all his efforts.
11. Food for both body and soul.
12. Devotional by District Chaplain Gerhart.



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MORE PEOPLE & PLACES

FROM PAGE 7

Evangelist J. L. Jeffrey . . . reports God's blessings upon his ministry. His present address is 489 El Centro Way, Santa Rosa.

Janene and Sharlene Senechal . . . have returned home after serving 25½ months as missionary secretaries in Hong Kong.

Evangelist E. C. Lagmay . . . continues to report excellent results as he ministers throughout the Philippine Islands.

Evangelist Lloyd Perera . . . reports from Colombo, Ceylon, that God is meeting the spiritual needs of many hundreds of people in Ceylon where we are no longer allowed to have missionaries. At the request of our Foreign Missions Department, Brother Perera is pastoring our very large Assembly in Colombo and is dependent, in part, on financial support from friends and interested Assemblies in this District.


Reverend Frank Mapes . . . is now serving full-time as Minister of Christian Education, Bethel Temple, Sacramento.

TV PROGRAM . . . being released by Bethel Church, Modesto, over Channel 19 is being well received according to Pastor L. B. Lewis. The time is Sunday at 4 p.m. for a period of 30 minutes.

Evangelist Sam Klein . . . recently conducted excellent meetings in Carmichael where L. W. Suter is the Pastor.

OROVILLE . . . First Assembly has purchased 6 acres of choice property in the heart of the city and anticipate new buildings in this location in the future.

. . . Pastor Jesse Wilkinson



PITTSBURG . . . First Assembly reports excellent growth and spiritual progress.

. . . Pastor William A. Younger

POINT ARENA . . . recently had a fine revival meeting with Evangelist Robert L. Jackson.

. . . Pastor Harold Kahl

FAIRFIELD . . . recently dedicated their newly completed facilities with Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart officiating.

. . . Pastor Eugene W. Ness

CONGRATULATIONS . . . Pastor and Mrs. David Schmidt of Ely, Nevada, welcomed *Rebecca Louise* into the family on September 2nd.

It was a son for Pastor and Mrs. L. E. Gilbert when *Timothy James* arrived at the parsonage in Rio Dell on September 8th.

David and Patti Elmes became brand new parents upon the arrival of *Shawna Lorraine* on September 9. Congratulations also to the grandparents, Charles and Martha Elmes. David is co-pastor of the Oak Park Assembly in Pleasant Hill.

Big-sister Denise Johnson is gleefully announcing a new brother who has been named *Timothy Paul*. The

happy parents are 'Bud' and Sharon Johnson, Pastors at Davis. Timothy was born on May 15th.

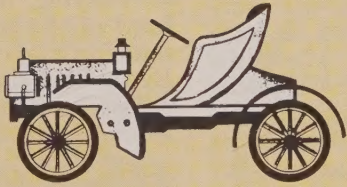
Pastors Dwight and Dorothy Burchett have added a daughter to their family . . . namely, *Judith Marie*, who was received into the happy household on September 26.

With The Lord . . .

CHARLES J. CUSTOCK, widely-known businessman and member of the First Assembly in Vallejo went to be with his Lord on October 2. Brother Custock had served as a deacon of the First Assembly for more than 30 years. Pastor Larry Bottroff conducted the memorial service. We extend our sincere sympathy to the widow, Mrs. Carrie Custock, and to members of the family in this time of bereavement.

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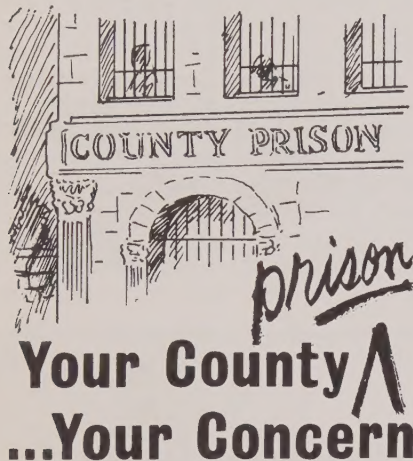
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EVANGELIST BUENO

FROM PAGE 9

The first rally of the tour is October 31st, with a night-by-night itinerating of the C.A. team throughout the 18 sections of Northern California and Nevada.

Consult your church bulletin board for specific information on the date and location of your sectional STL rally.



All the men and women who fill the great state prisons in our country were first committed to some local prison. There is where the prime opportunity is. There, in the fresh impact of imprisonment, you, and your church, have first chance—and first obligation—to minister. Prison work was commended to us by Christ Himself. Let us be about it.

PRISON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13

THE MISSING LINK

FROM PAGE 2

time, but all of you all the time, is Christ's demand.

And that is why laborers are few.

PRAYER

What are we to pray? Lord send souls in? Maybe this is good, but Christ did not say so.

"Lord, thrust laborers out," is the essence of His command. This is His *revealed* will - that a tremendous force of reapers shall get the harvest in.

It is a fact, and it would be humorous if it were not so sad, that multitudes of Christians believe they are attaining the peak of their Christian responsibility in life when they attend a few services, (and they had better be bright and breezy) listen to a few sermons (which had better be short and sweet,) and give a little money to help those who are working for God.

But the Master put His finger on three critical spots. This weak understanding of our Christian responsibility means no sacrifice, (Luke 9.60) and promotes no sense of irrevocable commitment. (Luke 9.62)

"Praying, pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into *His* harvest." Every Christian praying that prayer, unless he is a hypocrite, has to be willing to be a part of the answer.

ACTION

"*The Lord appointed other seventy also and sent them two by two before His face - - -*" (Luke 10.1)

The twelve apostles had been sent out earlier. Now Christ sent out "other seventy" - lay reapers - because seventy can reap more than twelve, in a limited time.

You are a reaper. Are you working

at it? Are you "gathering fruit into life eternal." (John 4.36)

Every burdened man and woman that comes to Christ for rest of soul and receives it, is expected to take His yoke unto himself. (Matt 11.28-29)

Is it right to take the one without the other?

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO DIE?

FROM PAGE 4

just as matter-of-factly as if I would say, "I am going to town." While I was talking to Jesus, there was no sense of strain, but conversation flowed as easily and normally as though I were holding a conversation with a very good friend, which in fact I was.

Throughout the entire experience, there was no thought whatsoever of things of time: friends, loved ones, business, etc. In view of this phase of my experience an entirely new concept of the present and future are mine; new values are manifest, and I am sure I will never be the same.

I had no consciousness of a physical body, i.e., hands, feet, etc. Although I did not seem to be a disembodied spirit, I sensed having a body of a far different sort. One instance in particular, I had a sense of weightlessness and an absolute lack of effort in movement.

Of necessity I have used the personal pronoun "I" considerably, but believe me, this has been in no wise in a boastful manner. "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Gal. 6:14). Also, it might appear from the manner of relating my experience, that I feel that I have been raised from the dead. Needless to say that this is not so. I have merely related the incidents as they occurred, and frankly, I personally do not yet know, "whether this man, was IN or OUT of the body." God knows, and that is enough for me. I have used these incidents as an *allegory*.

This experience certainly has been used of God to bless and help me spiritually, and I trust you who read my account of it, likewise will be helped; especially if you are not ready to meet God, you will be made to realize that you have a most important appointment to keep, for "It is appointed unto men once to DIE, but AFTER THIS the judgment. Hebrews 9:27."

DON'T FORGET . . . AT THE END OF LIFE'S ROAD, YOU WILL MEET GOD. THE QUESTION IS, HOW?

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If we can reach one out of every thousand in just fifty years, then we can carry the gospel to everyone in our generation. The Great Commission can be fulfilled if you will faith-

REVIVALTIME
FROG PAGE 10


Churches should notify Revivaltime immediately, indicating the number of individual prayer groups, and estimating the total number of participants. The Radio Department will send colorful prayer reminders, printed on durable plastic, for each participant. Then, just prior to the World Prayermeeting, prayer requests will be sent to each prayer group.

Revivaltime Evangelist C. M. Ward recently expressed his appreciation of the WMC's active role in the World Prayermeeting in these words:

"I depend on the prayers of these godly women. Their faithful participation has been, and will continue to be a dynamic factor in the success of this worldwide prayer effort."

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